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February 13, 2001

Mr. John J. O'Grady
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by FedEx

Re: Fansteel Inc – North Chicago – EE/CA Administrative Order
Docket No. V-W-00-6-413
Engineering Evaluation/Cost Analysis Work Plan


Dear Mr. O'Grady:

By separate letter, you have been notified that Fansteel intends to engage Earth Sciences Consulting, Inc. ("ESCI") to conduct the EE/CA under the Administrative Order. In February, ESCI is expected to start work on preparation of the EE/CA work plan and associated health and safety and quality assurance project plans. Fansteel anticipates that these plans will be submitted to USEPA for approval in March 2001. ESCI plans to use Great Lakes Analytical as a laboratory subcontractor, and therefore, the Great Lakes Analytical quality assurance program (revision 5.7, dated February 18, 1998, as supplemented by letters to USEPA dated June 7, 1999, and April 6, 2000) will be followed.

Fansteel reviewed the provisions of the Administrative Order and noted that the required work referenced in Paragraph V(3) refers to the work plan attached to the Order, which, in fact, is the Site Investigation work plan. Therefore, in accordance with Paragraph V(3.4), Fansteel has determined that additional work involving the preparation of an EE/CA work plan and the preparation of the above-noted plans is necessary to accomplish the objectives of the EE/CA. We hereby notify USEPA that Fansteel believes such additional work to be necessary and requests USEPA's approval of this additional work prior to commencement per the above schedule.

Please contact me if you should have any questions.

Sincerely,


E. Jonathan Jackson

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